

In response to the Office Action mailed October 20, 1999, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider and enter the following amendments:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title as follows:

--IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS WITH INTERMEDIARY TRANSFER MEMBER--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

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Line 1, change "may employed" to
--may be employed--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 15 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend Claims 1-6, 16, 17 and 27-35, as follows:

1. (Amended) An image forming apparatus comprising:
[an] image bearing means for bearing a toner image;
an intermediary transfer member, wherein the toner
image is electrostatically transferred from said image bearing